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Pet Travel: European Union and other countries

EU Member States: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, the Republic of Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom

Other Countries: Switzerland and Norway (have adopted EU standards although not members)

USDA Website: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/>

Texas VS Website: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/area_offices/states/txie_info.html

****There are new forms and new requirements effective 1 Jan 2012****

****OLD forms (998s) may only be used if signed BEFORE 29 Feb 2012****

General Requirements

- **Sequence: Microchip then rabies**
- **The health certificate may not be issued until at least 21 days after the primary rabies vaccine.**
 - A primary rabies vaccine for this purpose is defined as **any** of the following:
 1. 1st rabies vaccination after the microchip was implanted
 2. 1st rabies vaccination after a lapse in coverage (i.e. microchip done in 2000, 1 year rabies done 1/1/11, next rabies done 1/15/12, two weeks after it was due)
 3. 1st rabies vaccination ever
 - If our office receives a form signed before this 21 day period, we cannot endorse.
- Veterinarian issuing the health certificate must be **USDA accredited** (under the new system).
- The health certificate is only valid for **10 days** from the date signed/issued by the accredited veterinarian until entry into the EU.
- Only **one species** per certificate (i.e. 1 dog and 1 cat may not be put on the same certificate).
- For countries requiring *Echinococcus* (tapeworm) treatment (see below) the health certificate may **not** be issued until after that treatment is done.
 1. **Finland, Republic of Ireland, Malta, and United Kingdom** require tapeworm treatment for dogs only (within 1-5 days of **entry** into the country)
 2. **Norway** requires tapeworm treatment for dogs and cats (within 10 days)
- No tick treatment or titer is required for any EU countries effective 1 Jan 2012.
- **USDA endorsement is mandatory** (unless form is signed by a military veterinarian, i.e. a Veterinary Corps Officer or GS0701 veterinarian).
- There are two forms available to choose from:
 - **Non-commercial form** (Annex II, “Non-commercial movement of five or less dogs, cats or ferrets”); used if you have 5 or fewer pets that are travelling either with you or with an authorized individual. You MAY use this form for animals travelling unaccompanied as long as they are being transported under the supervision of an animal transport company!
 - **Commercial form** (Annex I, “Imports of dogs, cats, ferrets and non-commercial movements into the Union of more than five dogs, cats or ferrets”); used if you have 6 or more pets, or are sending animals that are intended for resale.
- **Further information and comprehensive details regarding completion of these certificates may be found in the documents titled either “Pet Travel – EU Commercial” or “Pet Travel – EU Non-commercial”.**

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Fee Schedule for Endorsement by USDA

EU Health Certificate: \$37.00 for each certificate. No charge for the International Health Certificate for Small Animals (APHIS Form 7001), normally \$37.00, submitted with the EU form.

Make checks and money orders payable to: USDA APHIS. All credit cards are accepted. We do not accept cash. Please include a driver's license number on any check.

Send your certificates and payment to

USDA, APHIS VS, 903 San Jacinto Blvd, Export Section, Room 262, Austin, TX 78701

ONLY SEND CERTIFICATES HERE IF SIGNED BY A TEXAS VETERINARIAN

Make sure you submit signed rabies certificates with the signed health certificate.

Completed certificates will be returned to you by regular mail unless you provide a prepaid, pre-addressed (addressed from you to you) air bill.

Always keep the tracking numbers so you can check with the delivery service to find out the status of your documents. We do not provide the certificate status unless the certificate has been in our office for 4 business days.

Processing Time

Please allow a minimum 48 hours processing time.

Walk-ins

You may drop your documents off. We will either call you when they are completed, or, you may leave a prepaid, pre-addressed return air bill. We do not schedule appointments.

Miscellaneous Information

- If there are problems with your documents we will contact your veterinarian. We will only contact the pet owner if we are unable to resolve the problem.
- Use the yellow pages to find a USDA accredited veterinarian. United States Department of Agriculture personnel can verify the veterinarian is accredited if you provide a name.
- The EU certificate is valid for **10 days** after signature by your veterinarian for entry into the EU, and then for 4 months, or until the date of expiration of the rabies vaccination, whichever is earlier, for further movement within the EU (non-commercial animals only).

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